LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SC)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to assist low income customers with energy efficiency measures in their home to reduce energy usage.

PROGRAM

- This program is available to low income customers served on a residential rate schedule from Duke Energy Carolinas' retail distribution system.
- This program consists of two parts as follows:

Weatherization and Equipment Replacement Assistance is available for up to 5000 qualified customers on the Duke Energy Carolinas' system in existing, individually metered, owner-occupied single-family, all-electric residences, condominiums, and mobile homes.

- Funds are available for (i.) weatherization measures, and/or (ii.) refrigerator replacement with an Energy Star appliance, and/or (iii.) heating system replacement with a 14 or greater SEER heat pump. The measures eligible for funding will be determined by an energy audit of the residence.
- o A home energy audit will be provided at no charge to the customer.
- O Availability of this program will be coordinated through local agencies that administer state weatherization programs, and the agency must certify that the household income of the participant is between 150% and 200% of the federal poverty level.
- o Participants are not eligible for payments under any other Duke Energy Carolinas Energy Efficiency Programs for the same energy efficiency measure provided under this program.

Energy Efficiency Products, such as energy efficiency starter kits and compact fluorescent light bulbs, not to exceed \$30.00 in value, are available to customers in existing, individually metered, residences, condominiums, apartments and mobile homes.

Duke Energy Carolina will provide eligible Energy Efficiency Products to local assistance agencies to be distributed to low income customers who participate in an energy survey. Participants who receive an incentive under this program provision are not eligible to receive the same incentive under any other Duke Energy Carolinas Energy Efficiency program.

PAYMENT

Participants in the Weatherization and Equipment Replacement Assistance provision of this program will receive assistance with energy efficiency measures as shown below. Payments will be made to the administering agency on behalf of the customer.

- 1. Weatherization Tier 1. Homes with energy usage up to 7 kWh per square foot of conditioned space can receive up to \$600 for weatherization measures.
- 2. Weatherization Tier 2. Homes with energy usage more than 7 kWh per square foot of conditioned space can receive assistance of up to \$4,000 for weatherization measures.
- 3. Equipment Replacement
 - a) Replacement cost, up to \$610, for a refrigerator with an Energy Star refrigerator.
 - b) Replacement cost of an electric heating system, up to \$6600, with a heat pump having a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 14 or greater.

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